INTRODUCTION OF BILLS.

Sri A. G. RAMACHANDRA RAO (Minister for Law and Education).—Sir, I introduce the Mysore Public Debt Bill, 1953 and the Mysore Government Savings Certificates (Amendment) Bill, 1953, which were published in the *Mysore Gazette* Extraordinary dated 2nd March 1953 under rule 48 of the Rules of Procedure and Conduct of Business in the Mysore Legislative Assembly.

Sri Kadidal MANJAPPA (Minister for Revenue and Public Works).—Sir, I introduce—

(1) The Mysore Alienated Villages (Protection of Tenants and Miscellaneous Provisions) (Amendment) Bill, 1953.
(2) The Mysore Agriculturists' Relief (Amendment) Bill, 1953.
(3) The Mysore Village Offices (Amendment) Bill, 1953.
(4) The Mysore Stamp (Amendment) Bill, 1953.

which were published in the *Mysore Gazette* Extraordinary dated 2nd and 6th March 1953 under rule 48 of the Rules of Procedure and Conduct of Business in the Mysore Legislative Assembly.

Sri H. SIDDAVEERAPPA (Minister for Home Affairs and Industries).—Sir, I introduce the Mysore Police (Amendment) Bill, 1953, and the Mysore Public Health (Amendment) Bill, 1953, which were published in the *Mysore Gazette* Extraordinary dated 6th March 1953 under rule 48 of the Rules of Procedure and Conduct of Business in the Mysore Legislative Assembly.

Request for a Statement by a Minister who resigned.

Sri J. MOHAMED IMAM.—I want to bring one matter to the notice of the Speaker and through him to the Leader of the House. We find that one of the Ministers has resigned from his office. On such occasions it is usual for the Minister who has resigned to make a statement before this House so that the members of this House may know the reasons which led to his resignation. It is the moral obligation, if not legal, on the part of the person who has resigned to make a statement before this House and disclose the reasons which prompted him to resign from his office. Last time, a similar situation arose and I made a similar request but he was not good enough to comply with my request and I am sure this time he will comply. We are in an age of democracy and we must keep up the spirit of democracy. We must know what is happening in other democratic countries. Take for example the English Constitution. If a Minister resigns there, he thinks it is his moral obligation to take the House into confidence and disclose the reasons which prompted him to resign. We must establish a convention. I am sure Sri T. Siddalingiah, for whom I have got great respect, will take this House into confidence and explain the circumstance which led to his resignation. We are entitled to know that because we sent him here as our representative; we vested in him the important task of administration; and all at once he cannot resign and let us down. Who knows after his statement we may urge him to go back to the office. In duty bound he is under a moral obligation to make a statement before this House and if he agrees for this, I request you, Sir, to fix a time as to when he can make a statement.

Sri A. G. RAMACHANDRA RAO.—If he agrees.

Sri J. MOHAMED IMAM.—Of course it is left to him. If left to himself I am sure he will make a statement.

Sri A. G. RAMACHANDRA RAO.—He has not been fettered in any manner.

Sri J. MOHAMED IMAM.—You prompted "if he agrees". I am sure he will make a statement. This is my first request.

Change in Programme of Business.

The second point is this. Yesterday we adjourned as a mark of respect to the memory of Great Stalin. (Laughter).